Scheme are not being utilised for the last three years. How many projects are pending with the Ministry under *Swadhar*?

श्रीमती कांति सिंह: सर, स्वाधार स्कीम में हम उन प्रताड़ित महिलाओं को राहत देने का काम करते हैं और जिन राज्यों के बारे में जानकारी मांगी है, वह अभी मेरे पास नहीं है, लेकिन मैं माननीय सदस्या को उस की विस्तृत रिपोर्ट भेज दूंगी।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Dues of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

*362. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge accumulation of dues, under 100 per cent Centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for the Other Backward Classes is to be paid to the Government of Maharashtra and other States;

(b) if so, the amount thereof, due to each of the States as on 31st March 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005; and

(c) the reasons for growing accumulation and the steps taken for regular clearance of such dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In the year 2001-02 a sum of Rs. 4.39 crores was released to Maharashtra Government under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarships for OBCs against their demand of Rs. 26.96 crores. Additional funds can be released only on receipt of utilization certificate from the State Government. This certificate has not been received. The State Government also did not submit any proposal for 2002-03 and 2003-04. In the year 2004-05 Maharashtra Government submitted a demand for Rs. 200 crores. The State Government was requested to furnish a revised proposal since the budget allocation for the year 2004-05 under the scheme was only

Rs. 21.73 crores for the whole country. Revised proposal was not submitted. During the current year also no proposal has been received so far. The utilization certificate for funds released on 2001-02 is still awaited.

Human Scavengers

*365. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were 6,76,009 human scavengers engaged throughout the country, during 1992-1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the existing number of human scavengers, State-wise, as on date;

(d) the details of the budget released and spent during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise, for implementing the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents; and

(e) the number of human scavengers and their dependents rehabilitated under this Scheme, State-wise, during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) While transferring the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) to Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation in 2003-04, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment intimated that there were 6,76,009 human scavengers engaged throughout the country. A list of existing number of human scavengers, State-wise, as on date is at Statement-I. (*See* below)

(d) The State-wise details of Central Assistance released under NSLRS for the years 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 is at Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) The number of scavengers and their dependents rehabilitated under the Scheme, State-wise for the years 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 is at Statement-III.